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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the concurrently submitted Form PTO/SB/08a. Copies of the foreign patent publications and non-patent literature documents are provided.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following U.S. Application:

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Non-English Publication	U.S. Patent or Publication
JP 5-93049	5,292,860
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a written confirmation be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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